

Appln No. 09/884,183

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Reply to Office action of April 22, 2003

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Office action dated April 22, 2003, the Examiner restricted the claims to six groups; namely, Group I (Claims 1-4), Group II (Claims 5 and 6), Group III (Claims 5-7), Group IV (Claims 8-10), Group V (Claims 8-9, 11) and Group VI (Claims 12-20). Applicant hereby elects the Group III claims (Claims 5-7), without traverse, for initial examination. Claims 1-4 and 8-20 are canceled without prejudice.

Applicant notes that the Office action describes Inventions IV and V as "drawn to an invention comprising performing an experiment using a modified animal or animal cells, wherein the experiment is not specified in the claims." Page 4, Section 3, Paragraph 2. The Action then requires that if one of groups "III or IV is elected, further identification of a particular experiment is necessary." Page 4, Section 3, Paragraph 2. Applicant is uncertain as to whether this requirement was intended to be applied to groups IV and V and notes that the invention of Group III is drawn to a method of breeding animals. If further clarification is required, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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